

II. Joshua's Prospects, 3-4.

No. 3, 4. Ansawu

Moses. See Deut. 11:24.

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Joshua had been born
in slavery, and was
not over eighty years old.

Joshua, Israel's New Leader

Only: (H.S.Q.)

Do according to... the law.

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report of the other ten spies, Num. 14 : 6-9. Moses' minister; Moses' attendant, companion, adjutant, or side-de-camp, for well nigh forty years, Ex. 24 : 13 ; Deut. 1 : 38. Now, as a reward of faithfulness in a subordinate position, he is promoted to the post of command. His career presents a shining example of fidelity, and of the true pathway to promotion.

Vs. 2-4. Moses... is dead; and the vacancy must be filled, since God's work must go on. Go over this Jordan; a command that called for all the courage and faith of Joshua and of all the people, as the next Lesson will show, since the river, lying between the Israelites and the Promised Land was now in full flood. Land... I do give. Canaan was God's gift to Israel. Without His help they could never have conquered it; but with Him as Protector and Leader, no foe could stand before them. Every place, your foot shall tread upon. God had given Israel the land; but, at the same time, only by their fighting for it and conquering it, could it actually become theirs. As I said unto Moses. See Ex. 23 : 30, 31 ; Deut. 11 : 24. Every honorable man will fulfil his promises to the letter; much more will the God of truth keep His word, from generation to generation. For the boundaries in v. 4 see Geography Lesson.

H. Encouragement Given, 5-9.

Vs. 5, 6. Not any man be able to stand before thee. Behind every promise of God are all His infinite power and wisdom and love. With these resources pledged for his help, Joshua could not fail. As I was... so I will be. God has placed his people under a new leader, and brought them into a new situation; but His care for them was the same, and there was no change in His purpose to bring them into Canaan and make of them a mighty nation. Not fail... nor forsake. Many and varied were the difficulties which Joshua had to face. But he would never come to one in which he would not find God's help present and sufficient. Be strong, etc. True faith in God's promises is shown, not by allowing them to lull us into lazy security, or to make us careless, but rather, by girding ourselves up for earnest effort to secure the blessings they offer. Like ourselves, Joshua needed moral courage always to do the right,

even more than physical courage to meet his enemies.

Vs. 7-9. The book, etc. This shows that Moses had left the law in written form. Not... out of thy mouth. He was to read and talk about it. Meditate; study and ponder (compare Ps. 1 : 2). Do; obey its commands: this was most important of all (compare Matt. 7 : 21). Prosperous... good success. Obedience to God is sure to bring real success, whether it wins us much or little of this world's goods. Character, more than numbers or strategy, is to be the key to Joshua's victories. Be not afraid, etc. Israel's resources might seem small in comparison with those of the Canaanites, but God had already shown what He could do against the even greater power of Egypt.

III. Work Begun, 10, 11.

Vs. 10, 11. Commanded the officers. The word denotes: (1) literally "arrangers", "scribes", "writers"; (2) overseers, to whom belonged various duties, including enrolments, carrying of orders, etc.; (3) generally, leaders of the people. Pass through the host; to make known to all, Joshua's directions. Prepare you victuals. This would be necessary, since the manna was soon to cease, ch. 5 : 12. Within three days. God had fixed the time, and His arrangements would be carried out. Pass over this Jordan; which had overflowed its banks, and seemed utterly impassable.

Light from the East

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LEBANON—"The White Mountain," from the snow which covers some of the peaks seven months of the year, or from the light colored limestone cliffs on the upper ranges, stretches from the classic Leontes, 95 miles north by northeast, and averages from 5,000 to 6,000 feet above the sea, although some peaks rise to an altitude of 10,000. Almost parallel to it and further east runs the range of Anti-Lebanon, 65 miles long. At the southern extremity of this lies Hermon, a conical summit, 9,200 feet high, covered with snow nearly all the year, and a landmark in all Palestine. From the foothills around its base the various streams that form the Jordan take their rise.

V. 6.